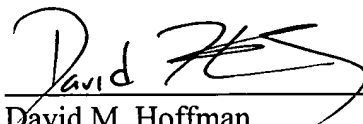


REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6 and allowed claims 7-32. By this paper, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner. No new matter has been added, and Applicants respectfully reserve the right to continue prosecution of the original claims in a continuation application. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-32 are pending in the present application and have either been allowed or are believed to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending application. However, if the Examiner wishes to resolve any other issues by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David M. Hoffman", is written over a horizontal line.

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